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SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the reference listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the reference listed is also enclosed. The listed and enclosed reference is an English language translation of the foreign document identified on the Form PTO-1449. The foreign document (EP 106369 A2) was submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 10, 2003.

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Respectfully submitted,

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